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S. 1247

To amend the Weir Farm National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 to limit the development of any property acquired by the Secretary of the Interior for the development of visitor and administrative facilities for the Weir Farm National Historic Site, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 26, 2007

Mr. LIEBERMAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Weir Farm National
5 Historic Site Amendment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY FOR WEIR FARM NA-**
 2 **TIONAL HISTORIC SITE.**

3 Section 4(d) of the Weir Farm National Historic Site
 4 Establishment Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 461 note; Public
 5 Law 101–485) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “contig-
 7 uous to” and all that follows through the period at
 8 the end and inserting “located in Fairfield County,
 9 Connecticut.”;

10 (2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the
 11 following:

12 “(2) DEVELOPMENT OF ACQUIRED PROP-
 13 ERTY.—

14 “(A) LIMITATION RELATING TO DEVELOP-
 15 MENT.—Except as provided in subparagraph
 16 (B), to ensure that any property acquired by
 17 the Secretary under paragraph (1)(A) conforms
 18 to the natural and undeveloped landscape of the
 19 property described in subsection (b), the Sec-
 20 retary shall limit, to the maximum extent prac-
 21 ticable, the development of any property ac-
 22 quired by the Secretary under paragraph
 23 (1)(A).

24 “(B) EXCEPTION.—The limitation relating
 25 to the development of property described in
 26 subparagraph (A) shall not—

1 “(i) prohibit the Secretary from ac-
2 quiring any property under paragraph
3 (1)(A) that, on the date on which the Sec-
4 retary acquires the property, is developed
5 in a manner that does not conform to the
6 natural and undeveloped landscape of the
7 property described in subsection (b); or

8 “(ii) require the Secretary to take any
9 action to ensure that any property de-
10 scribed in clause (i) that is acquired by the
11 Secretary under paragraph (1)(A) con-
12 forms to the natural and undeveloped land-
13 scape of the property described in sub-
14 section (b).”; and

15 (3) in paragraph (3), in the matter preceding
16 subparagraph (A), by striking “the appropriate zon-
17 ing authority” and all that follows through “Wilton,
18 Connecticut,” and inserting “the local governmental
19 entity that, in accordance with applicable State law,
20 has jurisdiction over any property acquired under
21 paragraph (1)(A)”.

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